

¶94.17 SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING
IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY

Mr. UPTON moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 184):

Whereas American children and adolescents spend between 22 and 28 hours per week viewing television;

Whereas American homes have an average of 2.75 television sets, and 87 percent of homes with children have more than one television set;

Whereas there is a need to increase the availability programs suitable for the entire family during prime time viewing hours;

Whereas surveys of television content demonstrate that many programs contain substantial sexual or violent content;

Whereas although parents are ultimately responsible for appropriately supervising their children's television viewing, it is also important to provide positive, "family friendly" programming that is suitable for parents and children to watch together;

Whereas efforts should be made by television networks, studios, and the production community to produce more quality family friendly programs and to air them during times when parents and children are likely to be viewing together;

Whereas members of the Family Friendly Programming Forum are concerned about the availability of family friendly television programs during prime time viewing hours; and

Whereas Congress encourages activities by the Forum and other entities designed to promote family friendly programming, including—

(1) participating in meetings with leadership of major television networks, studios, and production companies to express concerns;

(2) expressing the importance of family friendly programming at industry conferences, meetings, and forums;

(3) honoring outstanding family friendly television programs with a new tribute, the Family Program Awards, to be held annually in Los Angeles, California;

(4) establishing a development fund to finance family friendly scripts; and

(5) underwriting scholarships at television studies departments at institutions of higher education to encourage student interest in family friendly programming; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress—

(1) recognizes and honors the efforts of the Family Friendly Programming Forum and other entities supporting family friendly programming;

(2) supports efforts to encourage television networks, studios, and the production community to produce more quality family friendly programs;

(3) supports the proposed Family Friendly Programming Awards, development fund, and scholarships, all of which are designed to encourage, recognize, and celebrate creative excellence in, and commitment to, family friendly programming; and

(4) encourages the media and American advertisers to further a family friendly television environment within which appropriate advertisements can accompany the programming.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. FOLEY, recognized Mr. UPTON and Mr. MARKEY, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said concurrent resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. FOLEY, announced that two-thirds of

the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. UPTON objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. FOLEY, pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.

¶94.18 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—
UNITED NATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. FOLEY, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit herewith a report of the activities of the United Nations and of the participation of the United States therein during the calendar year 1998. The report is required by the United Nations Participation Act (Public Law 79-264; 22 U.S.C. 287b).

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *September 13, 1999.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on International Relations.

¶94.19 AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

On motion of Mr. SKEEN, by unanimous consent, the bill (H.R. 1906) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes; together with the amendment of the Senate thereto, was taken from the Speaker's table.

When on motion of Mr. SKEEN, it was,

Resolved, That the House disagree to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶94.20 MOTION TO INSTRUCT
CONFEREES—H.R. 1906

Mr. OBEY moved that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on H.R. 1906, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, be instructed to provide maximum funding, within the scope of conference, for food safety programs at the Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration.

After debate,

By unanimous consent, the previous question was ordered on the motion to instruct the managers on the part of the House.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House agree to said motion?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. FOLEY, announced that the yeas had it.

So the motion to instruct the managers on the part of the House was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said motion was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶94.21 RECESS—4:08 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. FOLEY, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess at 4 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m., subject to the call of the Chair.

¶94.22 AFTER RECESS—5 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SHIMKUS, called the House to order.

¶94.23 ENERGY AND WATER
APPROPRIATIONS

On motion of Mr. PACKARD, by unanimous consent, the bill (H.R. 2605) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes; together with the amendment of the Senate thereto, was taken from the Speaker's table.

When on motion of Mr. PACKARD, it was,

Resolved, That the House disagree to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶94.24 MOTION TO INSTRUCT
CONFEREES—H.R. 2605

Mr. VISCLOSKEY moved that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on H.R. 2605 be instructed to insist on the higher funding levels for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works program included in the House-passed bill.

After debate,

By unanimous consent, the previous question was ordered on the motion to instruct the managers on the part of the House.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House agree to said motion?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SHIMKUS, announced that the yeas had it.

So the motion to instruct the managers on the part of the House was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said motion was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶94.25 APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES—
H.R. 2605

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SHIMKUS, by unanimous consent, appointed the following Members as managers on the part of the House to the conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2605): Messrs. PACKARD, ROGERS, KNOLLENBERG, FRELINGHUYSEN, CALLAHAN, LATHAM, BLUNT, YOUNG of